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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(Crosby) North Dakota Finds More Radioactive Oil Waste. North Dakota confirmed Thursday the discovery of a new radioactive dump of waste from oil drilling, and separately a company hired to clean up waste found in February at another location said it removed double the amount of radioactive material originally estimated to be there.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/north-dakota-finds-radioactive-oil-waste-23459886>

(Northwood) North Dakota potato growers accused of spoiling crops, insurance fraud. Federal prosecutors filed an indictment against two Northwood men who own Johnson Potato Co., for allegedly adding chemicals to potato seeds to cut production and fraudulently obtain crop insurance benefits from an insurance company and the Risk Management Agency/Federal Crop Insurance Corp. Prosecutors allege that between 2002 and 2006 the suspects received indemnity payments exceeding \$2 million, in addition to crop disaster payments.

http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_25613166/north-dakota-potato-growers-accused-spoiling-crops-insurance

(Grand Forks) For North Dakota, Drones a Possible Growth Market. State and federal officials have big hopes for the growth of what are known as unmanned aircraft systems due to a first-of-its-kind academic program, an established military presence, a strong commitment from state and federal officials to find funding, and even the weather. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/north-dakota-drones-growth-market-23490104>

(New Town) North Dakota tribes' oil output rivals US states. Oil production on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota has become so large that it would rank among the top 10 oil producing states in the nation, a tribal leader said Tuesday. <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/04/23/north-dakota-tribes-oil-output-rivals-us-states/>

(Sawyer) Crews Battle Fire Near Sawyer. The first lightning strikes of the spring ignited a grass fire this afternoon near Sawyer.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/25337132/crews-battle-fire-near-sawyer>

REGIONAL

(Wyoming) **Wyoming town evacuated after explosion at gas plant.** An April 23 explosion at the Williams Gas Plant in Opal, Wyoming, prompted the evacuation of the plant and nearby town as a precaution while crews shut off gas at the facility and worked to contain the fire. Traffic was also diverted as U.S. 30 was closed in the area. <http://fox13now.com/2014/04/23/wyoming-town-evacuated-after-explosion-at-gas-plant/>

(Minnesota, North Dakota) **Minnesota DNR says North Dakota ring dike would violate law.** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources says Minnesota law will be violated if construction of a ring dike around the North Dakota communities of Oxbow, Hickson and Bakke starts before the agency completes an environmental study of the proposed \$1.8 billion Fargo-Moorhead flood diversion project. http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_25635768/minnesota-dnr-says-north-dakota-ring-dike-would

NATIONAL

(National) **Heartbleed bug patched on all US government websites.** Trend Micro researchers reported that less than 10 percent of Web sites remain vulnerable to the Heartbleed flaw in OpenSSL, with all U.S. government Web sites patched. Distil Networks researchers also reported that 84 percent of the top 10,000 global Web sites have applied patches to close the vulnerability. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Heartbleed-Bug-patched-on-All-US-Government-Websites-439271.shtml>

(National) **Experts: Civilians not ready for EMP-caused blackout.** The catastrophic effects of an electromagnetic pulse-caused blackout could be preventable, but experts warn the civilian world is still not ready. <http://watchdog.org/138940/solar-flare-emp/>

(National) **MSHA issues new coal dust limits for miners.** The Mine Safety and Health Administration announced new rules April 23 requiring miners to wear real-time dust monitors, expand dust sampling, close sampling loopholes, and institute quicker enforcement against violations while increasing medical surveillance of miners. The rules will help reduce the amount of coal dust

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underground miners can be exposed to by enforcing that concentration limits for breathable coal mine dust be cut by 25 percent to 1.5 milligrams per cubic liter of air. <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/23/msha-issues-new-coal-dust-limits-miners/8051623/>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) DDoS attacks increasingly used as a smokescreen for data theft. Neustar released its DDoS Attacks and Impacts Report for 2014 which found that distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks are increasingly used by attackers as cover for more damaging compromises. Around half of organizations that reported suffering a breach or DDoS attack in 2013 also had malware installed on their systems, with 55 percent of those hit by DDoS attacks losing data or funds, among other findings. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DDOS-Attacks-Increasingly-Used-as-a-Smokescreen-for-Data-Theft-438873.shtml>

(International) ICS-CERT warns of Heartbleed vulnerabilities in Siemens gear. The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) issued an advisory warning that the Innominate mGuard firmware and several Siemens industrial control systems are vulnerable to the Heartbleed vulnerability in OpenSSL. Innominate issued a patch for the vulnerable firmware, while Siemens identified affected systems. <http://threatpost.com/ics-cert-warns-of-heartbleed-vulnerabilities-in-siemens-gear/105554>

(International) NTSB head: Oil tanker rail ‘safety has been compromised.’ The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board released a report April 22 stating that older train cars used to transport crude oil and ethanol are not safe for carrying hazardous materials and their design make them susceptible to damage and loss of hazardous material. Regulators are recommending updating the federal design and setting new standards. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-ntsb-oil-tanker-railsafety-20140422,0,1439467.story>

(International) Cisco: Hey, IT depts. You’re all malware hosts. Cisco released its latest security survey and found that 100 percent of companies in the survey sample show malicious traffic calling to malware hosts and that the length of time that the activity persists suggests that network penetrations are ongoing and

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undetected, among other findings.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/04/24/cisco_youre_ialli_malware_hosts/

(International) US troops arrive in Poland for exercises across Eastern Europe amid Ukraine crisis. U.S. Army paratroopers are arriving in Poland on Wednesday as part of a wave of U.S. troops heading to shore up America's Eastern European allies in the face of Russian meddling in Ukraine.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/04/22/us-troops-arrive-in-poland-for-exercises-across-eastern-europe-amid-ukraine/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Washington) Police: Wire thieves cut service to 20,000 Comcast customers.

Police are searching for individuals that stole about 200 feet of fiber optic cable from power poles in Snohomish County, causing roughly 20,000 Comcast residential and business customers to lose Internet, television, and phone service April 24 until crews completed repairs.

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/police-wire-thieves-cut-service-20000-comcast-cust/nfhSR/>

(International) Major security flaws threaten satellite communications.

Researchers at IOActive released a paper outlining critical vulnerabilities in satellite communication gear from several major manufacturers that could allow attackers to disrupt or eavesdrop on communications systems used in the maritime, energy, aeronautics, and media industries as well as those used by

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government and emergency services. Affected manufacturers were notified and details will not be publicly released until the second half of 2014 to allow manufacturers to close the vulnerabilities.

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/041814-major-security-flaws-threaten-satellite-280848.html>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Troy-Bilt electric leaf blowers recalled by MTD due to laceration hazard. MTD announced a recall of around 134,000 Troy-Bilt TB18OB electric leaf blowers sold at Lowe's stores and online due to the potential for the leaf blowers' impellers to break and strike the operator.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Troy-Bilt-Electric-Leaf-Blowers-Recalled-by-MTD/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) After secret air surveillance of Compton, mayor wants protections. After learning this week of a nine-day aerial surveillance program conducted in 2012, Compton Mayor Aja Brown proposed a policy that would require authorities to notify the public before installing monitoring equipment.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-air-surveillance-compton-mayor-wants-protections-20140424,0,6911829.story#ixzz30C7fP6c9>

ENERGY

(Louisiana) Equipment failure causes power outage that leaves 30,000 in the dark. About 30,000 Entergy customers in Baton Rouge lost electricity for 2 hours April 23 after a sudden power outage due to equipment failure on a major transmission line. <http://www.wafb.com/story/25325795/30k-residents-suddenly-without-power-in-the-br-area>

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(California) Bakersfield men enter guilty plea to damaging oilfield facilities. A Bakersfield man pleaded guilty April 21 to conspiring to damage energy facilities by stealing programmable logic controllers and other equipment from oil field facilities of several companies during 2011 and 2012. The total loss of equipment by the oil companies exceeded \$200,000. <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/bakersfield-men-enter-guilty-pleato-damaging-oilfield-facilities>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Montana) Cenex Harvest States Inc. cited for repeat, serious safety and health violations. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Cenex Harvest States Inc., for 19 violations of workplace safety and health standards at four of the company's grain-handling facilities in Montana and fined the company \$211,000.

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25890

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Oklahoma) End-of-year testing halted statewide after technical issues, outages reported on testing site. Oklahoma officials suspended Statewide end-of-instruction exams April 21 due to computer problems that disrupted about 6,000 students' ability to take the test. Several districts reported faulty computers at the start of the exams and authorities believe the failure is due to a CTB/McGraw Hill-related issue. <http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/computer-problems-shut-down-end-of-year-standardized-tests-statewide>

(Iowa) Iowa State IT staff discover unauthorized access to servers. Iowa State University notified 29,780 students April 22 after the discovery of a breach affecting 5 department servers on campus. The compromised servers contained Social Security numbers and the university notified an additional 18,949 students whose university ID numbers were also located on the servers.

<http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2014/04/22/serverbreach>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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(International) Verizon publishes 2014 Data Breach Investigations Report.

Verizon published its 2014 Data Breach Investigations Report, focusing on cyber and physical data breaches across several industries. The report found 198 point of sale (POS) intrusions during 2013, with retail, accommodation, and food services industries the most targeted, among other findings.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Verizon-Publishes-2014-Data-Breach-Investigations-Report-438708.shtml>

(International) Heartbleed attack targeted enterprise VPN. Researchers at Mandiant identified a successful attack campaign that utilized the Heartbleed vulnerability in OpenSSL to target an undisclosed organization's virtual private network (VPN) and obtain VPN session tokens. The attack began April 8, hijacked several active user sessions, and allowed the attackers to attempt to escalate their privileges within the organization. <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/heartbleed-attack-targeted-enterprise-vpn-/d/d-id/1204592>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(California) Daly City police make arrest in medical center shooting. Daly City police arrested a suspect at his home after a shooting at Seton Medical Center in California April 23. Patients and staff were evacuated for 3 hours while authorities searched the building and found bullet fragments after a doctor reported seeing a man with a gun.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=9514277>

(National) Hospira announces voluntary nationwide recall of one lot of 0.25% Marcaine (Bupivacaine HCl Injection, USP), 10 ml, Single-dose, Preservative-Free Vial due to visible particulates. Hospira, Inc., announced April 21 a voluntary recall for one lot of 0.25% Marcaine (Bupivacaine HCl Injection, USP), 10 mL, Single-dose Vial – Preservative Free due to a confirmed consumer report of discolored solution with visible particles embedded in the glass, caused by a glass defect. If administered, the particles could either block the passage of the solution to the patient and delay therapy or pass from the catheter into the patient, causing local inflammation.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm394340.htm>

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TRANSPORTATION

(Kentucky) Kentucky postal worker jailed for stashing 44,900 pieces of mail. A former Kentucky U.S. postal worker was sentenced and ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution after storing at least 44,900 pieces of mail at his deceased mother's home, as well as at storage facilities from March 2011 to March 2013. Inspectors stated that the former worker's motive was to pick up his children after school.
<http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/23/justice/postal-worker-jailed-missing-mail/>

(Kentucky) Thieves steal thousands of feet of copper from Lexington street lights. Police are searching for an individual that stole about 4,000 feet of copper wire from about 20 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet luminaries at the 120 mile marker on Interstate 75 in March. Crews have since replaced the wiring.
<http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Thieves-steal-thousands-of-feet-of-copper-from-Lexington-street-lights-256193631.html?ref=631>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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